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SUBJECT: IRAQ KIRKUK APRIL EXPORTS

REF: BEIRUT 4483 AND A-7

SUMMARY: IRAQ CRUDE OIL EXPORTS FROM KIRKUK IN APRIL
DROPPED TO 26 MILLION BARRELS FROM UNUSUAL MARCH TOTAL
OF 31.2 MILLION BUT WERE SLIGHTLY ABOVE APRIL 1974 LEVEL.

JANUARY-APRIL TOTAL OF 100.5 MILLION BARRELS DOWN EIGHT
PERCENT FROM 109.5 MILLION JANUARY-APRIL 1974. END

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SUMMARY

1. THIS PROVIDES APRIL CRUDE OIL EXPORTS FROM IRAQ'S KIRKUK FIELDS VIA INOC RPT INOC PIPELINE TO TRIPOLI, LEBANON AND BANIAS, SYRIA. IN VIEW CURRENT WEAK MARKET, APRIL'S EXPORTS SEEM UNUSUALLY STRONG, ALTHOUGH THEY SLIPPED BACK FROM MARCH HIGH (REFTEL, WHICH PROBABLY CONTAINED A LARGE SPOT SALE ALTHOUGH WE UNABLE CONFIRM THAT. CUMULATIVE TOTAL FOR YEAR ALSO RELATIVELY STRONG COMPARISON LAST YEAR. REASONS FOR STRENGTH UNKNOWN HERE BUT PROBABLY MIXTURE PRICE REDUCTIONS, SPOT SALES AND IMPACT TAPLINE CLOSURE. (LATEST RUMORED IRAQ KIRKUK FOB PRICES OF \$10.60-10.80 CONSIDERABLY BELOW TAPLINE TAX-PAID COST OF \$11.70.)

2. FOLLOWING TABLE IN US BARRELS COMPARES APRIL AND JANUARY-APRIL EXPORTS (NOT THROUGHPUT) WITH 1974:M

APRIL	1974	1975
TRIPOLI	11,442,588	8,343,462
BANIAS	14,247,958	17,722,417
TOTAL	25,690,546	26,065,879
BPD	856,352	868,863
PERCENT CAPACITY	77.9	79

	1974	1975
JANUARY-APRIL		
TR POLI	45,566,284	41,969,221
BANIAS	63,911,100	58,520,444
TOTAL	109,477,384	100,489,665
BPD	912,312	837,414
PERCENT CPACITY	82.9	76.1

3. FOOTNOTES: 1. EXPORT CAPACITY 1.1 MPDN, THROUGH-PUT CAPACITY 1.2 MBPD. 2. SHARP DECLINE TRIPOLI EXPORTS APRIL IS ORMAL ADJUSTMENT TO MAINTAIN LONG-AGREED 40/60 TRIPOLI/BANIAS ANNUAL SPLIT OF TOTAL VOLUMEM. DURING ROUGH WINTER WEATHER, TRIPOLI HANDLES EXCESS VOLUME.
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